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For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3, and add the following claim(s):

- 1 3. (Amended) A method of communicating signals in a communications
2 network, said communications network including one or more origination stations and
3 a plurality of intermediate transmission stations, each said intermediate transmission
4 station having a receiver, at least one signal generator operatively connected to said
5 receiver for generating and transferring a signal to a transmitter, an automatic control
6 unit operatively connected to said signal generator, and a detector operatively
7 connected to said signal generator, said method comprising the steps of:



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- [X] Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment
[X] Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established
[X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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First Presentation of Mult. Dep. Claim					x \$ 130	\$.00
Total Additional Filing Fee						\$.00
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- [x] Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
[x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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